

Amendments to the Claims:

Please revise the claims as set forth below. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) An apparatus for multi-modal communication comprising:
a controller operative to select one or more of a plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers; and
the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers each having a proxy address, wherein the controller determines, on a per session basis, which of a plurality of multi-modal proxy identifiers represents the proxy address of a selected multi-modal session proxy server of the plurality of proxy servers.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
at least one browser having a per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a browser proxy identifier, wherein the browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected one of the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers such that the browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the browser proxy identifier is evaluated by the multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
at least one voice browser having a voice browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a voice browser proxy identifier, wherein the voice browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected one of the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers such that the voice browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the voice browser proxy identifier is

evaluated by the voice browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier; and

at least one graphical browser having a graphical browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a graphical browser proxy identifier, wherein the graphical browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected multi-modal session proxy server such that the graphical browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the graphical browser proxy identifier is evaluated by the graphical browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the controller further comprises at least one load balancer, whereupon the controller determines the multi-modal proxy identifier of a plurality of multi-modal proxy identifiers in response to the at least one load balancer.

7. – 18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A method for multi-modal communication comprising:
receiving a multi-modal proxy identifier, on a per session basis, for a browser based on a selection from a plurality of multi-modal proxy servers;
evaluating, on a per session basis, a browser proxy identifier in response to receiving the multi-modal proxy identifier;

sending an information request using a first mode via a multi-modal session proxy server identified by the multi-modal proxy identifier; and

receiving a reply to the request in a second mode using the proxy server.

20. (original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:

fetching requested information from at least one content server; and

providing the requested information to the browser.

21. (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising:

prior to sending an information request, storing an updated browser proxy identifier in a memory location.

22. – 25. (canceled)

26. (previously presented) A method for multi-modal communication comprising:

selecting one of a plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers, on a per session basis;

providing, on a per session basis, a multi-modal proxy identifier of the selected one of the plurality of multi-modal proxy identifiers to a browser; and

determining a multi-modal session proxy server, on a per session basis, further comprising:

accessing a load balancer, wherein the load balancer is operably coupled to a controller; and

determining the multi-modal session proxy server, by the controller, on the per session basis in response to accessing the load balancer.

27. (canceled)

28. (original) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

prior to determining a multi-modal session proxy server, on a per session basis, initiating a multi-modal session between a terminal and a multi-modal network element.

29. (original) The method of claim 28 further comprising:

evaluating, on a per session basis, a browser proxy identifier in response to receiving the multi-modal proxy identifier; and

receiving an information request from the browser to the multi-modal session proxy server identified by the multi-modal proxy identifier.

30. (original) The method of claim 28 further comprising:

fetching requested information from a content server; and

providing the requested information to the browser.

31. – 34. (canceled)

35. (new) An apparatus for multi-modal communication comprising:

a controller operative to select one or more of a plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers;

the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers each having a proxy address, wherein the controller determines, on a per session basis, which of a plurality of multi-modal proxy identifiers

represents the proxy address of a selected multi-modal session proxy server of the plurality of proxy servers;

at least one voice browser having a voice browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a voice browser proxy identifier, wherein the voice browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected one of the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers such that the voice browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the voice browser proxy identifier is evaluated by the voice browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier;

at least one graphical browser having a graphical browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a graphical browser proxy identifier, wherein the graphical browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected multi-modal session proxy server such that the graphical browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the graphical browser proxy identifier is evaluated by the graphical browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier;

at least one graphical browser multi-modal synchronization interface operably coupled to the graphical browser;

at least one voice browser multi-modal synchronization interface operably coupled to at least one voice browser; and

at least one multi-modal synchronization coordinator operably coupled to the graphical browser multi-modal synchronization interface, the voice browser multi-modal synchronization interface and the multi-modal session proxy, wherein multi-modal session proxy server allows the multi-modal synchronization coordinator to synchronize the at least one graphical browser and the at least one voice browser.

36. (new) An apparatus for multi-modal communication comprising:

a controller operative to select one or more of a plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers;

the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers each having a proxy address, wherein the controller determines, on a per session basis, which of a plurality of multi-modal proxy identifiers represents the proxy address of a selected multi-modal session proxy server of the plurality of proxy servers;

at least one voice browser having a voice browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a voice browser proxy identifier, wherein the voice browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected one of the plurality of multi-modal session proxy servers such that the voice browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the voice browser proxy identifier is evaluated by the voice browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier;

at least one graphical browser having a graphical browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator and a graphical browser proxy identifier, wherein the graphical browser is operably coupled to the controller and the selected multi-modal session proxy server such that the graphical browser receives the multi-modal proxy identifier and the graphical browser proxy identifier is evaluated by the graphical browser per session multi-modal proxy evaluator, on a per session basis, in response to the multi-modal proxy identifier;

at least one graphical browser multi-modal synchronization interface operably coupled to the graphical browser;

at least one voice browser multi-modal synchronization interface operably coupled to at least one voice browser;

at least one multi-modal synchronization coordinator operably coupled to the graphical browser multi-modal synchronization interface, the voice browser multi-modal synchronization interface and the multi-modal session proxy, wherein multi-modal session proxy server allows the multi-modal synchronization coordinator to synchronize the at least one graphical browser and the at least one voice browser;

at least one information request provided by at least one of the at least graphical browser and the at least one voice browser to the multi-modal session proxy server whereby the multi-modal session proxy server fetches requested information from a content server; and

wherein if the requested information is provided to the at least one voice browser, the at least one graphical browser is updated via the at least one graphical browser multi-modal synchronization interface through the multi-modal synchronization coordinator and if the requested information is provided to the at least one graphical browser, the at least one voice browser is updated via the voice browser multi-modal synchronization interface through the multi-modal synchronization coordinator.